

**Shortage of Iron and Steel**

2397. SHRI VIJYA N. PATIL: Will be Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether small-scale industrial units throughout India have represented that allocations of iron steel is short of the requirements; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to meet full requirement of iron and steel of small-scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, some State Small Scale Industries Corporations, through whom supplies of iron and steel are routed to small scale units in the states, have represented about inadequate allocations. Consistent with domestic production and imports made, efforts are made to satisfy the demand of small scale industry to the extent possible.

[*Translation*]

**Distribution of Fertilizers to Farmers**

2399. SHRI RAMDEO RAI: Will be Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distribution of fertilizers to farmers in various States is not fair and the benefit of concessions given by Government is not reaching them; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to distribute fertilizers to the farmers through Gram Panchayats so that there is fair distribution of fertilizers and the benefits reach the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Handing Over Quarries of Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation to Contractors**

2400. SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Will be Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to stop the increasing number of accidents in quarries running under Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation and exploitation of labourers, Government had acquired them in the year, 1983;

(b) whether there is a proposal to assign the work of these quarries to contractors again; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Following an enquiry into the cause of some accidents which occurred in 1983 in Bhatti mines, the Delhi Administration entrusted the working of these mines to the newly created Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation. This Corporation started functioning from 1.6.1985.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Construction of Sports Complexes in Hilly Areas of Uttar Pradesh**

2401. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will be Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: